



Native Buffer Cost Share Program

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Native Buffer Cost-Share Program Guidelines

Purpose:

- Grants for cost-sharing contracts to establish and maintain vegetation buffers of restored native prairie and restored prairie, using seeds of local ecotype region within the BWSR State Cost-Share Program.

Policies:

- **Conservation buffer areas determined by SWCD.**
- **Riparian**
- **Contour Buffers**
- **Sink holes**

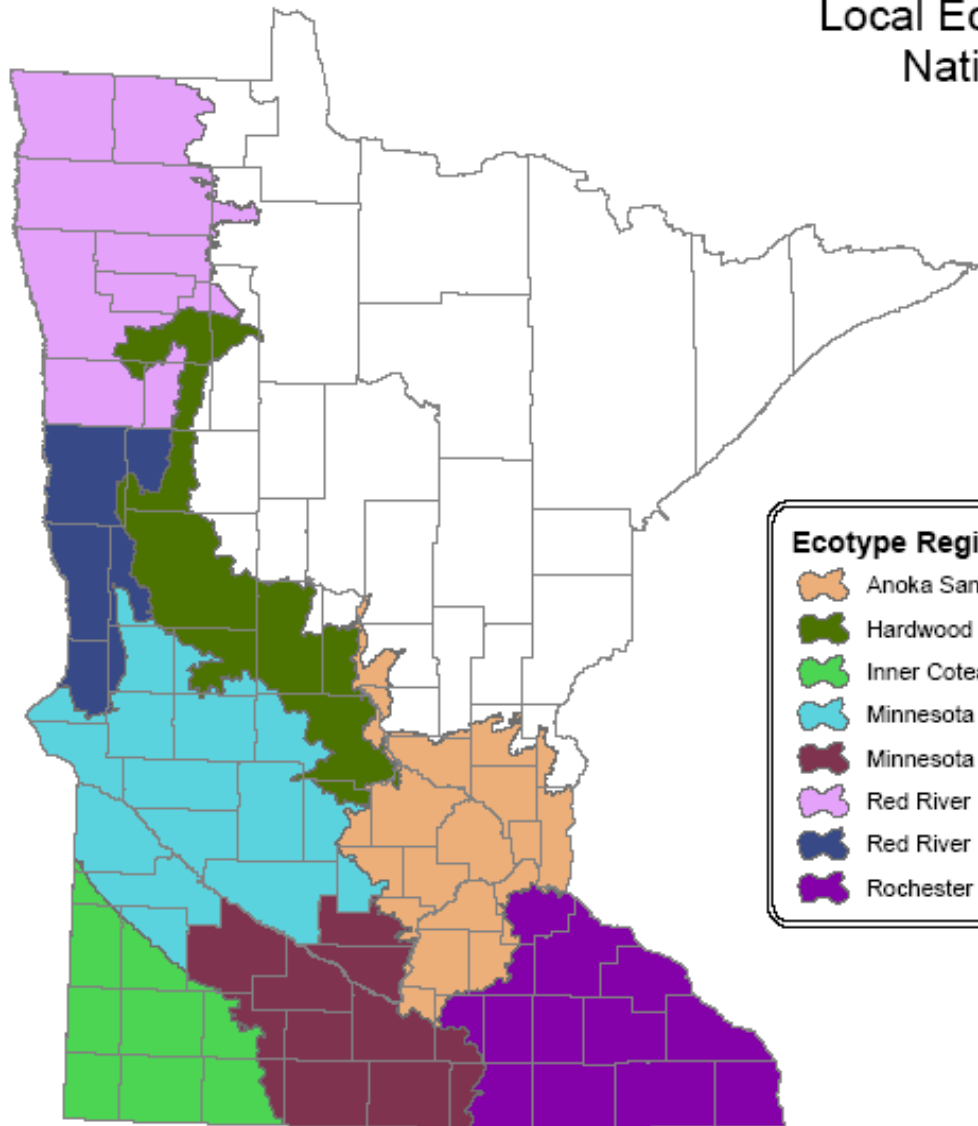
Policies:

- **Enduring practice-15yr min.**

Policies:

- **Eligible area limited to Eco regions map & legislative list of counties.**

Local Ecotype Regions for the Native Buffer Program as Defined by M.S. 84.02



Ecotype Regions

-  Anoka Sand Plain, Big Woods & St. Paul Baldwin Plains
-  Hardwood Hills
-  Inner Coteau & Coteau Moraines
-  Minnesota River Prairie North
-  Minnesota River Prairie South
-  Red River Prairie North & Aspen Parklands
-  Red River Prairie South
-  Rochester Plateau, Blufflands & Oak Savanna

Policies:

- **Not to exceed 75% maximum cost-share including other state or federal sources (except: SE Emergency 100% or other BWSR waiver)**

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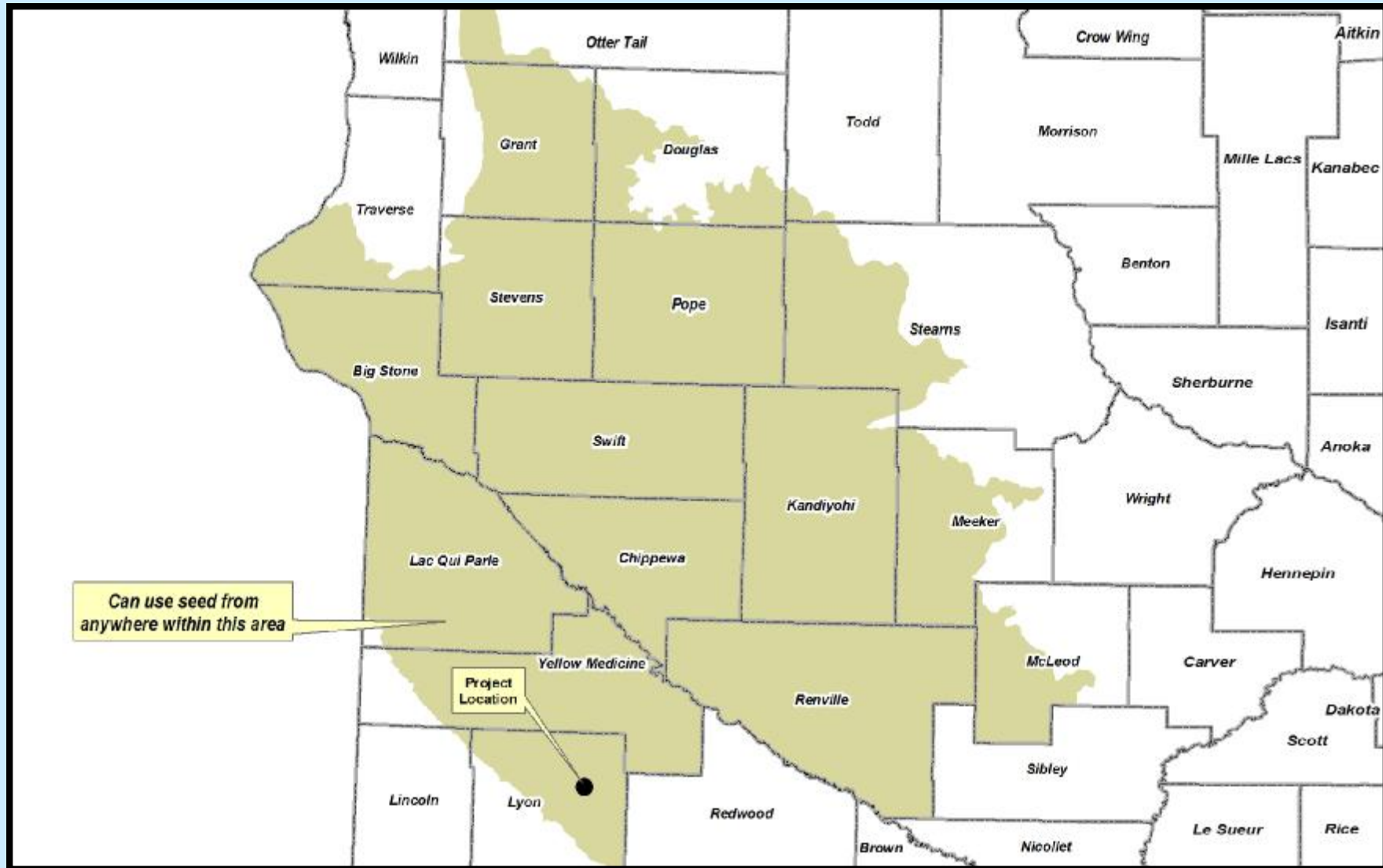
- **Follow 643 Restoration and Management Of Declining Habitats - add to C-S program.**
- **TAA 643 Standard**

Policies:

- **Seed must originate from the same ecotype region as the project site. The seed source shall be verified by the SWCD. Yellow tag certified seed is recommended to aid in the verification of source. Projects must have a goal of 25 species within the project site.**

Note: Do not cross ecotype regions.

Restored Prairie



Policies:

- **Site prep, seed collection, seed, seeding, and establishments costs.**

Policies:

- **Native vegetation management (intend burning, inter seeding, weed control when tied to veg. improvement, invasive species control, disking, haying)**
- **25 species goal as outcome**

Policies:

- **Lakescaping**
- **Including final grading, plant materials, seed and, mulch.**
- **This does not include State Cost Share Practice D9 Streambank, Shoreland & Roadside Protection Practice.**





Policies:

- **Haying, seed propagation, energy production, outside nesting season and controlled further by any underlying program restrictions.**
- **Nesting season April 15 – Aug. 1st**

Policies:

- **Land rental costs, for non-program lands, during establishment (3yrs. CCRP rate x 75%).**
- **No Double Dip**